

## New Eagle PTO Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Teacher's Lounge

Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Time: 9:00 am

**Attendees:** Bryn Arata, President; Susie Geib, Executive VP; Meredith Gibson, VP of Fundraising; Karyn Norton, VP of Fundraising; Colby Paul, VP of Programming; Amy Terlecki, VP of Cultural Arts; Stephanie Crill, VP of Volunteers; Tiff Roibu, Assistant VP of Volunteers; Stephanie Forbes, VP of Communications; Julie Barnes, Treasurer; Shima Briggs, Assistant Treasurer; Kim Kontes, Secretary; Dr. Gately, Principal; Julie Reiter, Website Liaison; Sheri Han, Tiffany Shaffer, Amanda Bruno

### New Business:

1. Bryn Arata welcomed everyone. She had everyone introduce themselves due to new members joining the PTO board this year. New board members include Karyn Norton, Tiff Roibu, Stephanie Forbes and Shima Briggs for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. **Website Communication-** Judy Reiter is serving as our new website liaison with Kym Costanzo. We are looking to have parents and the community use the website as much as possible to view PTO information. We will continue to add upcoming information to the website. Julie Reiter is serving as our website liaison this year.
3. **Father Daughter Dance-** Amanda Bruno spoke to the board and guests about the idea of hosting a father daughter dance. In the past, the Girl Scouts have held a father daughter dance at New Eagle that has been exclusively for Girl Scouts. There was a suggestion made last year to a representative of the Girl Scouts to make this a more inclusive event, allowing non-members of the Girl Scouts to attend. This request was denied due to a Girl Scout registration requirement that those attending would need and did not have.

Beaumont and Devon Elementary have held schoolwide dances, allowing both boys and girls and parents to attend. We discussed looking at this option at Conestoga High School and renting out their space so that boys and girls could attend. We also discussed going back to the Girl Scouts to revisit the idea of including girls outside of the Girl Scouts organization and charging a higher fee to those not in the Girl Scouts program. Amanda Bruno was going to revisit this topic with the Girl Scouts to see if they could work together finding a solution that could work for both members and non-members of the Girl Scouts. She and Bryn were going to find out more information about what a schoolwide event at New Eagle or Conestoga High School might entail.

4. **Air Conditioning-** Bryn has been in contact with Ms. Braun regarding air conditioning. It would cost over \$6,000,000 to air condition all five elementary schools in the district. The school district currently does not have that amount of money to spend. At a recent meeting that Bryn attended, Dr. Gusick discussed that the district may opt to air condition one school at a time in the future. There was a suggestion to put air conditioning units (wall) in each classroom but that has not been approved in the past. Bryn encouraged parents who have reached out to her regarding concerns with this matter to attend future school board meetings to discuss their concerns.

Dr. Gately said that there are several areas at New Eagle that have air conditioning, and some teachers have used those areas during hot days.

5. **Golden Apple Grants-** The PTO awards up to \$3000 in Golden Apple Grant requests per school year. The Golden Apple Grants that were reviewed and awarded are as follows:

- \*Mrs. MacMichael- Online Encyclopedia subscription, \$572

- \*Mrs. Healey- Ten magnetic alphabet folders, \$296

- \*Mrs. Kreamer- Studio Science Journals and colored pencils for journals, \$199

- \*Mrs. Adams- Ten magnetic alphabet folders, \$296

Golden Apple Grant for her annual student project, \$190

The request for hero capes was discussed. No written request for a golden apple grant was received. Dr. Gately said the capes were purchased from another budget.

6. **Advertising on Website-** We discussed the potential to purchase advertising space on our PTO website. Meredith Gibson was going to reach out to Doug Jones to find out more about the cost to advertise.

**Principal's Report- Dr. Gately:** The students are back into their usual routine. Last night was 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night. Two topics he discussed with parents were our new Innovation Space Pilot, as well as safety in our schools.

**Innovation Space Pilot-** This new area is in the Library. The program encourages creative thinking and problem solving. The kits have not arrived yet for this program. Some parts of the program are mobile and can be transferred to the classroom.

**Safety-** Dr. Gately touched on Character Building, Bullying Prevention and PATHS.

The pick-up and dismissal procedure at school has changed. Busses are now being dismissed

from the classroom. Parent pick-up sign outs are now in the cafeteria. When we have a school safety drill, parents are notified with an email about what drill was practiced. Parents sign off on a Code of Conduct at the beginning of the year. Food allergies were also addressed at the Back to School Night.

**Teacher's Report-** Mrs. Kissinger: None

**Executive VP-** Susie Geib: None

**VP of Fundraising-** Meredith Gibson: Trunk or Treat flyer is going out on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Candice Holbert is the lead person for this event. The DJ has been contracted for the event.

NENO coming up is being held at Choolaah on October 4<sup>th</sup> (11 am-9 pm). We will have a January NENO at Bertucci's and a final NENO in April. Our Handel's Fundraiser will take place in May.

We are looking to add a Parent Night Out this year. We will provide the time and location of the event to parents as decide on details.

Almost \$1000 was raised through School Kit purchases. The contract has been signed for the 2019-2020 school year for this program.

Some new ideas for fundraisers that were discussed include a Holiday Shop for the students (would be run by the company) and selling coupon books to parents.

**Karyn Norton- VP of Fundraising:** The School Store made a total of \$150.09 at the Ice Cream Social. Parents have signed up to volunteer to have it run in the morning. Karyn talked about a request by some to keep the school store open through lunch on Fridays. Dr. Gately will bring it up at tomorrow's meeting but had reservations due to monitoring students during this time period.

\$889.00 in Spirit Wear was sold at the Ice Cream Social.

The Scholastic Book Fair will run from October 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> in October. School blasts will start being sent out regarding the fair. Cathy Wozniak, the chair of this fundraiser, is looking for someone to take over running the fair in the future. She would like someone to shadow her next year and eventually take over chairing this role.

The Fourth Grade Committee, run by Rosanna Haag, will have their first meeting soon.

**Colby Paul- VP of Programming:** The ice cream social was a success.

PJ Day is on September 13<sup>th</sup>. \$1.00 donation can be made to Ryan's Cases for Smiles that day.

Our first pep rally is on September 21<sup>st</sup>. We have two volunteers to help make props for the pep rally.

Club programs are coming out soon and sign-ups will be online through our website.

**VP of Volunteer- Stephanie Crill:** GRC and HRC lists have been finalized.

We are still in need of volunteers for school health screenings on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Stephanie will send another reminder to sign up to volunteer.

Amiee Quinn is setting up Library Volunteers for this school year.

Our K/First Grade Parent Mixer will take place on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at McKenzie's. We discussed including all new parents of New Eagle to this gathering.

The rollout to the new online directory went well. 237 online accesses to directories have been purchased. We have made \$1888.50 in sales so far.

We discussed having an option of a 2-2:30 pm or 2:30-3 pm time for our Winter and Valentine's Party. Second grade has been impacted by losing their special due to the timing of the party in past years. This flexible option may allow second grade to both enjoy their parties and their specials on these days. The concern of a busy parking lot was brought up if children were to leave school early that day. Dr. Gately is going to discuss options with second grade teachers for the best solution to this matter.

**VP of Cultural Arts- Amy Terlecki:** Amy discussed events coming up, including Tipi building for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Discovering Dinosaurs for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Mother Goose for Kindergarten.

We were in favor of holding a Cultural Arts Heritage Night. Different cultures would be represented to create a culturally immersive night.

**VP of Communications- Stephanie Forbes:** Please send your blast information to Stephanie by Friday morning so she can have to ready for Sunday's blast.

**Treasurer- Julie Barnes:** The Friends of the PTO is currently at \$8967.03. 88 families have donated at this point.

**Secretary- Kim Kontes:** Please send any updated information for the Good to Knows that you would like to be included for October.

**Next PTO Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am, in the Teacher's Lounge.**

